

### REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Poole, U.S. Patent No. 435,708.

The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

As amended, the Applicants' invention is directed to an anti-scaling device having a hollow central body portion for mounting on a bar for rotation around a transverse axis. The device also includes several spike units extending outwardly from the body portion in different directions. The spike units are rotatably mounted on the central body portion around axes non-congruent with the transverse axis.

Poole '708 does disclose anti-scaling device having a hollow central body portion.

However, Poole '708 does not disclose this central body portion being mounted on a bar for rotation around a transverse axis.

Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Poole '708.

The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

As claim 10 is dependent on a patentable independent claim, it is also deemed to be patently distinguishable.

As independent claim 1 is patently distinguishable from the prior art references, the remaining claims dependent therefrom are also patently distinguishable.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the amended claims and the claims dependent there from are in proper form. The Applicants respectfully contend that Poole '708 does not anticipate the claimed invention under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). The Applicants also respectfully contend that the teachings of Poole '708 do not establish a *prima*

*facie* case of obviousness under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Thus, claims 1-10 are considered to be patently distinguishable over the prior art of record.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

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